

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Cooperative Contracts

The Board is being asked to authorize the use of a cooperative contract for the purchase of a **Wheel Loader** with **Pape Machinery** (John Deere dealer).

Board Meeting Date: July 5, 2022
Project Name/Contract #: Purchase of a wheel Loader / 032119-JDC
Primary Contact: Karen Kelley Ext. 7153
Expected Spend: \$210,000 (One-time purchase)

Narrative:

The Board is being asked to authorize the use of the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract 032119-JDC with John Deere for the purchase of a wheel loader through an authorized John Deere dealer, Pape Machinery of Eugene, Oregon. Like other cooperative programs, this Sourcewell contract leverages the purchasing power of public entities across the country to deliver competitive pricing and sourced contracts to public entities like EWEB. This Sourcewell contract offers a discount of 41% off the published list price for this type of equipment.

Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

EWEB requires the use of specialized earthmoving equipment for use by the Utility for loading materials such as rock, soils, and debris. While wheel loaders have become more sophisticated, their design provides attachments such as forks for versatility when loading and unloading heavy material at our expanded Roosevelt location. With a useful service life to 20 years, this unit will replace a wheel loader that is 37 years old which parts have become obsolete, resulting in long down-time delays, ultimately impacting our crews ability to do work in a timely manner.

Sourcewell is a local government unit from the state of Minnesota that assists public agencies to contract more efficiently than as an individual entity. They establish competitively awarded cooperative purchasing contracts on behalf of itself and its participating agencies, including EWEB. Sourcewell follows the competitive contracting law process to solicit, evaluate, and award contracts for goods and services which facilitates the public procurement process and leverages governmental agencies purchasing power.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Management requests the Board authorize the use of a cooperative contract for the purchase of a wheel loader with Pape Machinery (John Deere dealer). Approximately \$988,000 was planned for these goods in the Electric Division Type 1 2022 budget of \$55 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.